High licence fee and royalty quoted by ITDC for Duty Free Shops at International Airport

3338. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ITDC has quoted abnormally high licence fee and royalty in the global tender issued by AAI for Duty Free Shops at the International Airports involving rental and royalty in the first year of Rs. 40 crores as against 12 crores paid earlier;

(b) whether it is a fact that the advisors appointed to ITDC for Duty Free who supplied material to Duty Fee Shops were paid abnormal high fee with obtaining purchase orders; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the inventory of Duty Free Shops is more than Rs. 25 crores including many items that have become obsolete and time banned including foreign liquor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. ITDC quoted competitive rates on the basis of which it was awarded the tender for Duty Free Shops. The yearly rental for the existing space will now be Rs. 26 crores as against Rs. 12 crores earlier.

(b) ITDC appointed a Consultant-cum-Consolidator in March, 1999 through competitive bidding process.

(c) Yes, Sir. The inventory as on 31.03.2001 is around Rs. 34 crores including some inactive and slow moving items.

Inclusion of Chitrakoot in World Tourism Map

†3339. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the then Minister of State for Tourism had announced at the time of closing ceremony of Chitrakoot Mahotsava 2000, held at Chitrakoot that this city will be included in World tourism map;

(b) whether Government have taken any action in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.